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Written Testimony

Mahalo for considering a grant for Surfrider Spirit Sessions, I have been involved with the program as a youth mentor over the last 2 sessions. I can personally attest to the positive impact this program has on Hawaii's youth. Often times the Saturday Spirit Sessions is the only positive feedback that mentee may receive in a week; this can result in a huge change in attitude and confidence boost for these fragile young minds. History has proven that continually throwing good kids from bad situations into juvenile hall just perpetuates a lifecycle of crime to lock-up over and over again. It's expensive and it doesn't work. Surfrider Spirit Sessions offers an invaluable service by breaking that cycle through nurturing, encouragement, and helping these kids see they have value. Thank you for reading my testimony and I sincerely hope that Surfrider Spirit Sessions will be given a grant to continue a great public service that has a great return on investment and directly impacts youth in a meaningful way.